

## OLD JEFF. IN MEMORY.

The Ancient College at Canonsburg,  
With Reminiscences.

### INCIDENTS WITHOUT BIOGRAPHY.

Old Fort Job, and What It Meant to the  
Boys New Grown Gray.

### WHY NOT A COLLEGE AT THE PRESENT?

Rejoice! Pleasures of Memory.



ULLED by the countless chambers of the brain,  
Our thoughts are linked by  
A single chain;  
Awake! but one, and to what myriad life  
Each stirs its image as the other flies.

The sketch shows the buildings of this  
college, as now occupied by Jefferson Acad-  
emy. Old Jefferson College is now among  
the things that were. How this college lost  
its existence is set forth in the statistics and  
law books of the State. All friends and  
admirers of old Jefferson College would  
certainly be rejoiced if it were restored again,  
and, flourishing now, as in its best and most  
prosperous times. If such an event would  
occur in the near future, its alumni  
and all who took an interest in  
this institution would be rejoiced to visit  
it so restored, with all its time-  
hallowed and endeared surroundings—the  
old building, recitation rooms therein,  
the library, college library, halls and libraries  
of its Franklin and Philo Literary Societies,  
old Junta Society, old college observatory  
and telescope—on a hill beyond "Fort Job."

In short, everything put back in good  
condition as ever it was in its best days.  
On such a visit with such sights, would they  
not exult to see John Lamb restored and  
bearing his quaint jingling old triangle to  
summon the borders of restored "Fort  
Job" in the new college building to their  
luscious repasts.

THE next place to visit would be the  
famous old "Fort Job." In the times of  
above college, and, perhaps, now, it was an



Old Fort Job, With Its Roosters on the Fence.

American Western college custom to call or  
name every boarding or lodging house for  
college students in the vicinity of a col-  
lege, or used by college students, by the pre-  
fix designation, "Fort," to the name of the  
owner or tenant thereof, or to any sportive,  
suggestive name.

Sweet memory, waited by the gentle gale,  
Off up the stream of time I turn my sail.  
To view the fairy haunts of long-lost hours,  
Blest with far greener shades, far lovelier  
flowers.

Fort Job was a commodious, square-  
shaped, four-story brick building, with  
porch in front, reached by high steps, as  
shown in above picture. This building had  
ample and convenient hallways, stair-  
cases, etc., fair-sized rooms, and a large lot,  
planted with a few trees and enclosed by a  
board fence. On this fence the turkeys be-  
longing to the premises occasionally roosted  
in daytime, in suitable weather, but never  
at night, as it was then unsafe for their  
digestion and general and special health.

Fort Job was situated on a large, the con-  
tinuation of College street, in direction of  
Washington, and was some distance from  
the old and new college buildings. In the  
rear of Fort Job's grounds were coal sheds  
and housing for cows; also an old-fashioned  
well with windlass and moss-covered bucket.  
This moss-covered bucket in the shivering  
nights and mornings, A. D. 1854-58 winter  
seasons, excited no rushing, poetical thrills,  
although it subsequently did on the reunion  
of the Class of A. D. 1858, on June 19 and  
20, A. D. 1883.

### THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET.

In the times of that class, on cold, freezing  
winter nights and mornings, above bucket  
appeared "Job's comaroter" in earnest, as  
well as a broken down, poor relation to "that  
moss-covered bucket that hung in the well";  
described in the poem, "The Old Oaken  
Bucket," by the American poet, Samuel  
Woodworth.

Fort Job belonged to Jefferson College  
and was erected by the trustees as a lodging  
and boarding house for the students, and  
professors and students who desired to be  
accommodated, and was nicknamed Fort  
Job by the students, who seldom let any  
notable person, place or house escape merriment,  
comical, social or sportive name.



The Present College, as Compared With the  
Old, Above.

In the basement, or first story, of the fort,  
were the large dining-room, kitchen, store-  
rooms and apartments of the Samson family,  
who had charge in the years 1856 and 1857.  
In the three upper stories were the apart-  
ments of General John Fraser, then Profes-  
sor of Mathematics, Rev. Dr. B. Riddle,  
then tutor in Greek, and Alonza Linn, L.L.  
D., then tutor in Latin, and the various  
rooms of college students. General Fraser's  
rooms were much frequented. He was very  
popular.

Fort Job was a quiet, studious retreat,  
and was reached by a board walk constructed  
under the supervision of Prof. Fraser,  
who took quite an interest in this building,  
during his brief existence there, in keep-  
ing it in repair and comfort. Rev. William  
Ewing, Ph. D., was and resides in Fort  
Job at the present time.

### THE COLLEGE STUDENTS

were from all parts of the United States and  
other countries. They came from all ranks,  
vocations and stations of life, no great was  
the popularity and celebrity of old Jeff-  
erson. They were of all ages, from 15 to 30  
years, and were many, fully, practical  
students. It was a custom to nickname the  
professors and each other. Some of these  
old students are yet recognized by these  
nicknames.

Canonsburg was the seat of Jefferson Col-  
lege, the catalogue of which describe the  
same during the existence of this college.

The old mail stage coach, hauled, operated  
by "G. L. McPherson, Rogers, Zack Law-  
son (colored), and other vehicles were used  
to reach Canonsburg prior to the present  
railroad and steam accommodations. Can-  
onsburg is very much changed. Many of its  
old citizens are now deceased. Mrs. O. C.  
Hunt, the Samson family, James McCall-  
ough, Esq., "General" Thomas Jackson,  
"Squire" Hugh Riddle, "Benny" Arnold,  
Joseph Douds, of Douds & Russell, John M.  
"Gobson" Smith, T. McK. Wilson,  
Esq., a doctor and bookseller; John E.  
Black and William McDaniel, Esq.,  
of Black & McDaniel; William  
Hornish, Hiram Capron, college trustee;  
"G. L. McPherson," E. Rogers, F. Murphy,  
Much Huston, Daniel Huston (college  
trustee), Henry Anisoles, Mr. Brice-  
land, Mr. and Captain Hart,  
who kept the respective hotels, cor-  
ners of Main and Pike streets, diagonally  
opposite, and many others whose names  
have not yet been heard of.

Of the surviving citizens, will be remem-  
bered General William S. Calhoun, a col-  
lege trustee; Drs. A. Dickinson and Martin Dr-  
G. H. Cook and wife (formerly Miss Irons),  
now residing at McDonald station, Char-  
ter Valley Railroad; the Martins, Mrs.  
Black, Mr. Coleman, the druggist; John  
Brown, now residing at McDonald station,  
Charter Valley Railroad; William Campbell,  
and others of whom no account has been re-  
ceived.

THE COLLEGE OBSERVATORY.  
According to accounts of the same, it has  
been taken down, and the telescope, which  
was therein, stored for several years in a  
room in the southwest corner of the old  
college building. Then, this telescope was  
taken to Washington and Jefferson College,  
above mentioned. One of the lenses of this  
telescope was "lost" for several years, then  
found in a compost hill, commonly called a  
manure pile.

The catalogues of both the college and  
the Franklin and Philo Literary societies  
will be remembered. Also, the nicknames  
given to nearly everybody and everything.  
In addition to what has been published re-  
cently in the "Reminiscences of Old Jeff-  
erson College," the college newspapers of A.  
D. 1854-1858, viz: "The Grapeshot, Gullie-  
town, Sharp Stick, Parting Salute, etc.," will  
not be forgotten. The Washington Birth-  
day parades, "The Moonlight Bangers,"  
and the "College Bangers," will be remem-  
bered. The president's house prior to the  
senior vacation and the enjoyment  
thereof; the senior vacation prior to gradu-  
ation of the seniors and for the seniors only  
ordered get ready for the seniors certain-  
ly in the college class parties at the  
college president's house prior to gradu-  
ation in August of every year—will be  
called to remembrance. The decoration,  
literary society's contest, committee ser-  
vices, given to ladies of the college build-  
ing in honor of the ladies of Canonsburg,  
who assisted in preparing flowers,  
wreaths, etc., for beautifying Providence  
Hall in that building for these contests, in  
the latter part of the month of March, each  
year, will not be forgotten. The non-sectarian-  
ism of this college and the very, very  
moderate expense of education then at  
old Jefferson college (see its old catalogue),  
will be remembered by all who were inter-  
ested in the same.

The processions, pedestrian and gradu-  
ating exercises of Old Jefferson College,  
will not soon be forgotten—or, all the joy-  
ous scenes and student labors incident to  
life then at the old Jefferson College.

Will not, cannot old Jefferson College,  
Canonsburg, be restored again? In medi-  
tating upon the various scenes which oc-  
curred at old Jefferson College, Canonsburg,  
those surviving students of that grand old  
institution of learning, can, perhaps, find  
some expression of their feelings in this  
verse of the poet Thomas Moore:

When time, who steals our years away,  
Shall steal our pleasures, and our joys,  
The memory of the past will stay,  
And half our joys renew.

### FRITZ.

PITTSBURGH, November 22, 1889.

### Christmas is Coming.

If you are thinking of buying a piano or  
organ begin early to look around and post  
yourself up with the latest styles. It is a  
very large business and do it on a very  
small scale. Can therefore afford to cut  
prices down to the last dollar. As a result  
of our reasonable prices we are selling  
pianos in every State in the Union. Write  
for our catalogue and we will surprise you.  
See if we cannot save you from \$50 to \$75  
on a piano. Instruments sent on ten days'  
trial. Address W. L. Thompson & Co.,  
East Liverpool, O. TTS

### Comfort Shoe.

Ladies' hand-sewed Comfort Shoe, some-  
thing new, \$5. CAIN & VERNER'S,  
Fifth avenue and Market street.

### A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE PREFER F. & V.'S

Pilsner beer for family use. Phone 1136.

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Ladies' hand-sewed Comfort Shoe, some-  
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### B. & B.

A bargain on counter to close out—  
slightly soiled undergarments for children,  
all ages, wool and merino, 25c to 50c.

### BOGGS & BURL.

Cain & Verner's \$3.00 shoe for ladies and  
gentlemen fit all shapes of feet and are  
comfortable. Fifth ave. and Market st.

### All-America's Feast Day.

Your Thanksgiving dinner won't be com-  
plete without some of Marvin's delicious  
wedding fruit cake or plum pudding. They  
are made from the purest materials of  
order importation, and are unsurpassed.  
Order through your grocer. MTTS

### Patent Leather Shoes

For ladies and gentlemen are found in the  
proper shapes at Cain & Verner's, Fifth  
ave. and Market.

### LIKE the breath of life to tired humanity

is a glass of Wainwright's pure beer. Kept  
by all dealers. TTS

### FOR bad weather, ladies should see our

California Shoe, \$5; all widths.  
CAIN & VERNER, Fifth ave. and Market st.

### THE photographs made by Hendricks &

Co. 58 West 11th st., Allegheny, are the best  
and more and more every day. People always  
appreciate good work. Good cabinets \$1 a  
dozen. TTS

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thing new, \$5. CAIN & VERNER'S,  
Fifth avenue and Market street.

### \$1.00—November Last Month—\$1.00

For fine cabinets at \$1.00 per dozen, at  
Allegheny's Elite Gallery, 516 Market street,  
Pittsburgh. Elevator. Fine crayons.  
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### High Art Wall Papers.

We are daily making large additions to  
our stock of fine wall papers and new  
decorations. We aim to be fully abreast of  
Eastern artists in all the new and artistic  
decorative ideas, and we think customers  
cannot fail to be pleased with our selection.  
CRUMHORN, BANE & BARNETT,  
416 Wood st.

### \$3.00 \$3.00 \$3.00

Cain & Verner's \$3.00 shoe for ladies and  
gentlemen fit all shapes of feet and are  
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### Look Here, Friend, Are You Sick?

Do you suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion,  
sour stomach, liver complaints, nervous  
lost appetite, biliousness, exhaustion or  
tired feeling, pains in chest or lungs, dry  
coughs, night sweats, or any form of con-  
sumption? If so, send to Prof. Hart, 88  
W. 11th st., New York, for a bottle of  
your free, by mail, a bottle of Flaxseed,  
which is a sure cure. Send to-day. 205.

## THE DAY OF THANKS.

A Constant Source of Happiness  
Found in a Spirit of Gratitude.

### LIFE MADE A JOY AND SUCCESS

By Cultivating and Exhibiting Expressions  
of Thankfulness.

### NEWS NOTES FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

The spirit of gratitude is a constant source  
of happiness and beautifier of character.  
A disposition to dwell on the good of life,  
to look with joy on the bright side, works the  
perpetual miracle of turning water into  
wine, by making everything sweeter and  
more delightful. Thankfulness is the ex-  
pression of a spirit of gratitude, which when  
cultivated makes the world beautiful and  
life a joy and success. Had Israel reason to  
thank God, and have not we? The whole early  
history of our land was a wonderful display of  
the wonder works of God. He having  
"sifted three kingdoms to find the wheat for  
this planting." Darkness may have inter-  
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the money, with its rolling prairie, its towering  
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